

**UTILITY  
PATENT APPLICATION  
TRANSMITTAL**

(Only for new nonprovisional applications under 37 CFR 1.53(d))

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| Attorney Docket No.                      | 214349US0CONT   |
| First Inventor or Application Identifier | Gerd JONAS  |
| Title                                    | ABSORBENT INSERTS, METHOD OF PRODUCING THEM AND THEIR USE |
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**APPLICATION ELEMENTS**

See MPEP chapter 600 concerning utility patent application contents

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1. ☒ Fee Transmittal Form (e.g. PTO/SB/17)  
(Submit an original and a duplicate for fee processing)

2. ☒ Specification

Total Sheets **49**

3. ☐ Formal Drawing(s)  
(35 U.S.C. 113)

Total Sheets

4. ☒ Oath or Declaration

Total Pages **3**

a. ☐ Newly executed (original or copy)

b. ☒ Copy from a prior application (37 C.F.R. §1.63(d))  
(for continuation / divisional w/ box 17 completed)

i. ☐ DELETION OF INVENTOR(S)

Signed statement attached deleting inventor(s) named in  
the prior application, see 37 C.F.R. §1.63(d)(2) and  
1.33(b).

5. ☐ CD-ROM or CD-R in duplicate, large table or Computer  
Program (Appendix)

6. ☐ Nucleotide and/or Amino Acid Sequence Submission  
(if applicable, all necessary)

a. ☐ Computer Readable Form (CRF)

b. Specification or Sequence Listing on:

i. ☐ CD-ROM or CD-R (2 copies); or

ii. ☐ Paper

c. ☐ Statements verifying identity of above copies

**ACCOMPANYING APPLICATION PARTS**

7. ☐ Assignment Papers (cover sheet & document(s))
8. ☒ Application Data Sheet. See 37 CFR 1.76
9. ☐ 37 C.F.R. §3.73(b) Statement (when there is an assignee) ☐ Power of Attorney
10. ☐ English Translation Document (if applicable)
11. ☐ Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)/PTO-1449 ☐ Copies of IDS Citations
12. ☒ Preliminary Amendment
13. ☒ White Advance Serial No. Postcard
14. ☐ Certified Copy of Priority Document(s) (if foreign priority is claimed)
15. ☐ Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27
16. ☐ Other: Request for Priority, Form PCT/IB/304

17. If a CONTINUING APPLICATION, check appropriate box, and supply the requisite information below:

☒ Continuation ☐ Divisional ☐ Continuation-in-part (CIP) of prior application no.: 09/147,476

Prior application information: Examiner: J. Befumo

Group Art Unit: 1771

For CONTINUATION OR DIVISIONAL APPS only: The entire disclosure of the prior application, from which an oath or declaration is supplied under Box 4b, is considered a part of the accompanying continuation or divisional application and is hereby incorporated by reference. The incorporation can only be relied upon when a portion has been inadvertently omitted from the submitted application parts.

18. Amend the specification by inserting before the first line the sentence:

☒ This application is a ☒ Continuation ☐ Division ☐ Continuation-in-part (CIP)

of application Serial No. 09/147,476 Filed on February 25, 1999, allowed, which was originally filed as PCT/EP97/03380 on June 27, 1997.

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☐ This application claims priority of provisional application Serial No.

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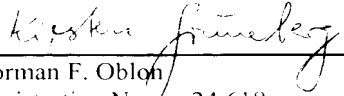
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REQUEST FOR PRIORITY

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SIR:

- ☒ Full benefit of the filing date of U.S. Application Serial Number 09/147,476, filed February 25, 1999, is claimed pursuant to the provisions of **35 U.S.C. §120**.
- ☐ Full benefit of the filing date of U.S. Provisional Application Serial Number , filed , is claimed pursuant to the provisions of **35 U.S.C. §119(e)**.
- ☒ Applicants claim any right to priority from any earlier filed applications to which they may be entitled pursuant to the provisions of **35 U.S.C. §119**, as noted below.

In the matter of the above-identified application for patent, notice is hereby given that the applicants claim as priority:

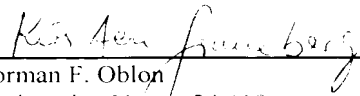
| <u>COUNTRY</u> | <u>APPLICATION NUMBER</u> | <u>MONTH/DAY/YEAR</u> |
|----------------|---------------------------|-----------------------|
| GERMANY        | 196 27 409.5              | July 6, 1996          |
| GERMANY        | 196 27 240.6              | November 2, 1996      |
| WIPO           | PCT/EP97/03380            | June 27, 1997         |

Certified copies of the corresponding Convention Application(s)

- ☐ are submitted herewith
- ☐ will be submitted prior to payment of the Final Fee
- ☐ were filed in prior application Serial No. filed
- ☒ were submitted to the International Bureau in PCT Application Number PCT/EP97/03380 filed on June 27, 1997. Receipt of the certified copies by the International Bureau in a timely manner under PCT Rule 17.1(a) has been acknowledged as evidenced by the attached PCT/IB/304.
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(B) Application Serial No.(s)
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| Date of mailing (day/month/year)<br>09 September 1997 (09.09.97) |   |                        |
| Applicant's or agent's file reference<br>SK4346PCT               |   | IMPORTANT NOTIFICATION |
| International application No.<br>PCT/EP97/03380                  | International filing date (day/month/year)<br>27 June 1997 (27.06.97) |                        |
| Priority date (day/month/year)<br>06 July 1996 (06.07.96)        |   |                        |
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The applicant is hereby notified of the date of receipt by the International Bureau of the priority document(s) relating to the following application(s):

| <u>Priority application No.</u> | <u>Priority date:</u>  | <u>Priority country:</u> | <u>Date of receipt of priority document:</u> |
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| 196 27 409.5                    | 06 Jul 1996 (06.07.96) | DE                       | 05 Sep 1997 (05.09.97)                       |
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